GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO MUSLIM GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has started any scheme to impart skill training to Muslim girls in Bihar;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the amount allocated for the same;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide basic tools to the girls to enable them to practice their skills;

(d) the manner in which the said scheme will be funded;

(e) whether there is any proposal for public-private partnership under the scheme;and

(f) whether there is any proposal to extend the scheme to other States also and if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Project Hunar has been launched by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in collaboration with Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC).It envisages provision of free skill development and training in seven selected skill-based courses,for a target group of over 13500 Muslim girls in the age group of 11-16 years in the State of Bihar during Academic Year 2008-09. Bihar Education Project Council(BEPC) has released Rs. 1.82 crores up till now towards the cost of providing skill development and training under the project.

(c) NIOS has developed a network of Accredited Agencies for providing skill development and training to the target group in Bihar.Under the Project Hunar,these Accredited Agencies will be provided necessary equipment,raw material etc.,for providing practical training to these girls in the trades for which they have been enrolled.

(d) NIOS has entered into collaboration with prominent socio-religious and educational institutions of Muslims in Bihar including Imarat-e-Sharia,Edare-Sharia and Rahmani Foundation amongst others and is utilizing their services and network of Madarsas,Maktabs and other organizations.

(e) Implementation and delivery mechanism of the project is community based.

(f) The project being a 'pilot',the scope of its expansion can not be decided at present.